

REMARKS

Claims 1-68 have been canceled without prejudice to filing in a later application. New claims 69-109 have been added.

Support for independent claim 69 appears in the parent application serial No. 09/822,131, now Patent No. 6,670,113, for example, at column 18, lines 36-47; and column 19, lines 10-19.

Support for claims 70-75 appears in the parent application serial No. 09/822,131, now Patent No. 6,670,113, column 19, lines 10-19.

Support for claim 76 appears in the parent application serial No. 09/822,131, now Patent No. 6,670,113, for example, at column 17, lines 17-18.

Support for claims 79 and 80 appears in the parent application serial No. 09/822,131, now Patent No. 6,670,113, for example, at column 11, lines 27-67; and column 12, lines 1-13.

Support for claim 81 appears in the parent application serial No. 09/822,131, now Patent No. 6,670,113, for example, at column 2, lines 1-2.

Support for claim 82 appears in the parent application serial No. 09/822,131, now Patent No. 6,670,113, for example, at column 2, lines 20-21.

Support for claims 83 and 84 appears in the parent application serial No. 09/822,131, now Patent No. 6,670,113, for example, at column 19, lines 9-17.

Support for claims 92 and 93 appears in the parent application serial No. 09/822,131, now Patent No. 6,670,113, for example, at column 19, lines 30-43.

Support for claims 95-97 appears in the parent application serial No. 09/822,131, now Patent No. 6,670,113, for example, at column 19, lines 7-11.

Support for claims 98 and 99 appears in the parent application serial No. 09/822,131, now Patent No. 6,670,113, for example, at column 18, lines 65-66.

Support for claims 100-104 appears in 09/822,131, now Patent No. 6,670,113, for example, at column 19, lines 30-41.

Support for claim 107 appears in the parent application serial No. 09/822,131, now Patent No. 6,670,113, for example, at column 19, line 15.

Support for claims 108 and 109 appears in the parent application serial No. 09/822,131, now Patent No. 6,670,113, for example, at column 19, lines 18-19.

Support for claims 110 and 111 appears in the parent application serial No. 09/822,131, now Patent No. 6,670,113, for example, at column 13, lines 50-59.

For the claims not specified above, support can be found in corresponding claims as originally filed in the parent application serial No. 09/822,131.

As indicated above, the newly submitted claims 69-109 do not contain new matter. Entry of this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment prior to examination on the merits is therefore respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicit the Examiner to expedite prosecution of this patent application to issuance. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, including petition fees and extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-2415 (Docket No. 6270-705.501).

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